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PRODUCING "THE MOVIES."

One of the most interesting experiences in a recent European trip by an Alexandrian, was watching the operation of making a moving picture film at Heidelberg Castle. As the tourists approached the castle they saw a large concourse of persons, in medieval dress, gathered at the castle gate. At first they could hardly believe their eyes. It seemed as if it must be a dream. But these were no dream people, as the activity and the noise and motion soon dispelled the thought of a dream. It was one of the large German film companies who were engaged in making classic reproductions of historic scenes. The subject of this film was "The Minstrel's Curse." In a few moments a bob tailed horse that stood near had been transformed by its trapping into a mediaeval steed. Upon it sat an old patriarchal minstrel, holding in his hands a harp. The horse was led by a young minstrel, and upon his back was a beautiful show girl from a neighboring town, whose blond hair and tinted complexion was toned down to suit the occasion.

The pester gate was opened and after some parley the portcullis swung up and the castle yard was seen in all the bustle and life that would have characterized it in the middle ages.

One after the other the scenes followed in rapid succession until the closing one when the old minstrel came out of the castle, bearing in his arms the slain boy, turned and pronounced his curse upon the castle and its godless inhabitants. Breaking his golden harp he flung himself down beside the body of his child and he, too, died. In a moment the scene had shifted and we were once again in the twentieth century. It took several minutes to gain our natural poise and not feel that we were in fairy or dream land.

The making of films is today not only one of the most expensive but also one of the most esthetic lines of activity. Anything will pass upon the stage. If an awkward pause comes it can be quickly overcome by the movement of an actor, but the photographic lens depicts everything with cruel exactness. Therefore every detail must be perfect. The posing, the expression, the tiniest fold of drapery must be as it should be seen.

When Forbes Robertson posed at Hamlet for the films a castle was rented at a cost of \$75,000 and 400 people were costumed for their part. The entire expenditure amounted to \$250,000, but they sold 3,000,000 feet of the films for \$750,000.

One of the most expensive films ever made was that of the "Tiger Hunt," costing nearly \$300,000, but it was sold for 25 cents a foot. The anæsthetic films of Capt. Scott cost \$250,000, but the royalty already collected by Mrs. Scott amounts to more than the original expense.

Of all the forms of commercialized amusement none are more capable of being of value to the world than "the movies." They appeal to all classes and as a form of amusement and education combined have no equal. No class of persons are more interested in getting the most out of them than the manufacturers themselves. Like the picture post card, if debased to immoral and degrading purposes, they will lose their popularity and be forced to vacate the field for some other form of amusement that will not be harmful.

It lies in the hands of the general public whether they shall be of value or not. If the picture houses that show good educational films are popular and good money-makers all others will be sure to follow their lead. Municipal regulations and boards of censors can do much to

keep them clean but public sentiment can do infinitely more.

The people, old and young, must have amusement. Until the times comes when to furnish this amusement is looked upon as one of the legitimate avenues of municipal activity, we must depend upon our commercialized amusement. The backers of all commercialized amusement are in it, not for the good of the people, but to gather in the shekels. We cannot blame them for this, but we can blame ourselves if we do continue to patronize the class of shows that are harmful and immoral.

DAY OF THE BOY IS DAWNING.

On New Year's night the Allison W. C. T. U., inaugurated a service that should be repeated every year. It was the entertainment given to the young men and boys of the city. Although it was the first service of this kind ever held in Alexandria, and the object not well understood, more than fifty boys and young men gathered. After listening to inspiring talks and given all they could eat of delicious refreshments each was handed a fair, white leaf, upon which they were asked to write their resolutions for the new year and to turn over a "new leaf." Each leaf was numbered and a prize was offered to the boy making the best resolutions. A number of leaves were handed in, all of them bearing high purposes, couched in a boyish language. It was hard for the judges to decide which resolution deserved the prize, so many of them were excellent, and all of them deserve honorable mention. After careful consideration, the prize was awarded to No. 9. The boy to whom this number belongs will kindly call at the Gazette office for the prize which is a year's subscription to the Youth's Companion or any other periodical the winner may select. This prize is given by the Alexandria Gazette.

We believe that every boy who wrote a resolution will try to live up to it, but if nothing further came of the meeting then that the boys were gathered together under such auspices and were stimulated to make the resolution, it amounted to much.

Judge Lindsey says there is no such thing as a bad boy, only a good boy gone wrong, often because of lack of proper influence.

The day of the boy is dawning, when he shall receive the consideration and training in social qualifications that will make them not only great factors in the industrial life of the community but in its spiritual and ethical development as well.

Four children were trampled to death and 18 others seriously injured Monday night in San Juan, P. R., in a stampede which occurred at the opening of the municipal theatre to admit the crowd of people who had come to attend the annual celebration of the day of the Three Kings. At this festival a large quantity of gifts is distributed to the poor children.

At a Circuit Court of the City of Alexandria, held Monday, January 5th, 1914. Present, Hon. J. B. T. Thornton, Judge.

George A. Pride, Complainant.
Vs.
Jennie V. Pride, Respondent.
In Chancery.

Upon the application of the complainant now duly made and filed in accordance with the statute, together with the affidavit made by the complainant of defendant's non-residence said affidavit stating the defendant's last known place of residence and abode in the city of Philadelphia, state of Pennsylvania, at No. 1715 Chadwick street, the Court on this 5th day of January, 1914, it appearing to the court from the said affidavit, the Sergeant's return of process showing that the defendant is not within the jurisdiction of the State of Virginia, and the evidence that the defendant is a non-resident of this State and not within the jurisdiction of the State of Virginia, and that her last known place of residence and abode was 1715 Chadwick Street, in the city of Philadelphia, state of Pennsylvania, the Court both grant the following order of publication:

The object of this suit is for complainant to obtain a divorce a vinculo matrimonii from the defendant upon the ground of desertion, and it is ordered that said defendant do appear here within fifteen days after due publication of said order of publication and do what is necessary to protect her interest in this suit.

And it is further ordered that a copy of said order of publication be published once a week for four consecutive weeks in the Alexandria Gazette, a newspaper published in the city of Alexandria, Virginia, and that a copy be posted at the front door of the Court House of said city on or before the next succeeding rule day after this order is entered. That the last known place of defendant's abode being 1715 Chadwick St., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the Clerk is directed to mail a copy of said publication addressed to said Jennie V. Pride, at No. 1715 Chadwick street, Philadelphia, Pa., the same to be registered by mail, and the Clerk shall certify to the court that said copy has been so mailed.

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Annual Meeting of Stockholders.
The Citizens National Bank, Alexandria, Va., December 13, 1913.
The annual meeting of stockholders of this bank for the election of directors for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly be brought before the meeting, will be held at the banking house Tuesday, January 13th, 1914, at 12 o'clock noon.
RICHARD M. GREEN, Cashier.

Stockholder's Meeting.
Notice: The annual meeting of the Ontario Apartment House Company for the election of a board of directors for the ensuing year and the transaction of other business will be held at the office of the company, No. 128 South Royal street, Alexandria, Va., January 13, 1914, at 10:30 o'clock A. M.
CHAS. D. WALCOTT, Pres.
A. M. McLachlen, Secty.

NOTICE.
The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Liberty Cartridge Co., will be held at the office of the company, No. 107 N. Fairfax street, Alexandria, Va., on Friday, January 9, 1914, at 11 o'clock A. M., for the election of officers and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.
E. M. FUNK, Pres.

Stockholders' Meeting.
Annual meeting of the stockholders of the Washington Asphalt Block and Tile Company, will be held at 107 North Fairfax street, Alexandria, Va., January 12th, 1914, at two o'clock, P. M., to elect a board of directors and to transact other business.
R. HARRISON JOHNSON, President.

NOTICE.
Alexandria, Va., December 12th, 1913.
The annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank, will be held at their banking house in Alexandria, Virginia, on Tuesday, January 13th, 1914, at twelve o'clock noon, for the election of directors, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.
GEO. E. WARFIELD, Cashier.

Stockholder's Meeting.
Notice: The annual meeting of the stockholders of the McLachlen Banking Corporation for the election of a board of directors for ensuing year and the transaction of other business will be held at the office of the company, No. 123 South Royal street, Alexandria, Va., January 13, 1914, at 11 o'clock A. M.
A. M. McLACHLEN, Pres.
L. P. McLACHLEN, Secty.

NOTICE.
The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Iowa Apartment House Company for the election of a Board of Directors for the ensuing year and the transaction of other business, will be held at the office of the company, No. 123 South Royal street, Alexandria, Va., January 13th, 1914, at 10 o'clock A. M.
CHARLES D. WALCOTT, Pres.
A. M. McLACHLEN, Secretary.

Stockholders Meeting of the American Rutile Company of Virginia.
The annual meeting of the stockholders of the American Rutile Company will be held at the office of the company, No. 111 South Fairfax St., Alexandria Virginia, on Monday, the 5th day of January, 1914, from 12 o'clock noon to 1 o'clock P. M., for the election of directors, and for the transaction of such other business as can be lawfully considered.
The transfer books will be closed for 10 days prior to the 5th day of January.
W. M. SLATER, Pres.
ALBERT HARPER, Secty. and Treas.

NOTICE.
The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the National Manganes Corporation will be held at the office of the company, 107 North Fairfax street, Alexandria, Va., on Tuesday, the 13th day of January, 1914, at eleven (11) o'clock A. M., for the election of officers and the transaction of any other business that may properly come before the meeting.
L. M. LARKIN, Asst. Secty.

Notice of Annual Meeting.
The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Alexandria National Bank will be held in the office of the banking house at the corner of King and Royal streets, in the City of Alexandria, Virginia, on the 13th day of January 1914, at 11-12 o'clock, for the election of Board of Directors for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.
T. C. SMITH, Cashier.

Stockholders' Meeting.
The annual meeting of the stockholders of the S. S. Shedd & Bros. Co., will be held at the office of the Co., No. 111 S. Fairfax street, Alexandria, Va., at 1:30 o'clock P. M., on January 13th, 1914, to elect directors, and for the transaction of other business properly presented.
JOHN P. EVANS, Secty.

Stockholders' Meeting.
The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Consolidated Quarry Co., will be held at the office of the company, No. 111 S. Fairfax street, Alexandria, Virginia, at 2:00 o'clock, P. M., on Monday, January 12th, 1914, for the election of directors and such other business as may properly be presented before the meeting.
F. W. PRATT, Pres.

Stockholder's Meeting.
The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Atlantic Building Co., for the election of officers and directors for the ensuing year and transacting such other business as may properly come before the meeting will be held at the office of the company, 123 South Royal street, Alexandria, Va., on Thursday, January 15th, 1914, at eleven o'clock A. M.
M. M. PARKER, Pres.
LOUIS BEYER, Jr., Sect.

NOTICE.
The annual meeting of the stockholders of the West Brothers Brick Company, will be held at the principal office of the company, 111 south Fairfax street, Alexandria, Virginia, on Tuesday, January 13th, 1914, at 12 o'clock, M.
WILLIAM D. WEST, Secretary.

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